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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

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27 October 1998 (27.10.98)

Priority date (day/month/year)

03 November 1997 (03.11.97)

Applicant

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

02 June 1999 (02.06.99)



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/SE 98/01931

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC6: H04B 3/23

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC6: H04B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 3804332 A1 (ANT NACHRICHTENTECHNIK GMBH), 24 August 1989 (24.08.89), column 1, line 9 - line 52, figure 1	1
A	--	2-7
X	US 5633863 A (PETER GYSEL ET AL), 27 May 1997 (27.05.97), figure 3, abstract	1
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

16 April 1999

Date of mailing of the international search report

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DE	3804332	A1	24/08/89	NONE		
US 5633863 A			27/05/97	EP 0691756 A		10/01/96
				IL 114493 A		30/10/98
				NO 952670 A		08/01/96
US 5479503 A			26/12/95	JP 6069834 A		11/03/94

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference Case 633 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/SE98/01931	International filing date (day/month/year) 27.10.1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 03.11.1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC ₇ H 04 B 3/23		
Applicant Telia AB (publ) et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 02.06.1999	Date of completion of this report 26.01.2000
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/SE Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 S-102 42 STOCKHOLM Facsimile No. 08-667 72 88	Authorized officer Rune Bengtsson/MN Telephone No. 08-782 25 00

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE98/01931

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages 1-5, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
 Nos. _____, filed with the demand,
 Nos. 1-5, filed with the letter of 12.01.2000,
 Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1, as originally filed,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____
☐ the claims, Nos. _____
☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE98/01931

V. Resoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

D1: DE 3804332 A1

D2: US 5633863 A

D3: US 5479503 A

The amended claims 1-5 relate to a hybrid circuit including a filter in the receive path to reduce echo effects.

The claims differ from the state-of-the-art technology, as represented by D1-D3, in that the hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a transmission system employing FDD at low frequencies and OFDD at high frequencies.

The requirements of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability are fulfilled.

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CLAIMS

5 1. A hybrid circuit having a balanced 2-wire to 4-wire hybrid for interconnecting a two wire receive path and a two wire transmit path to a two wire transmission line, said two wire receive path connecting the balanced hybrid to an A/D convertor and said two wire transmit path connecting a D/A convertor to said balanced hybrid, and said two wire receive path contains a filter, characterised in that said hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a transmission system employing FDD at low freequences, and said filter is dimensioned to reject transmit signals originating from said D/A convertor, that said hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a transmission system employing OFDD at high freequences, and in that said filter is dimensioned to reject transmit sub-carriers originating from said D/A convertor.

10 2. A hybrid circuit as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that said hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a duplex system having the following characteristics:

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- 20 - all transmitters in ONUs and NTs in said duplex system are time synchronised;
 - timing advance is calculated from line lengths;
 - 25 - different sub-carriers are employed for up-stream and down-stream transmissions;
 - a cyclic prefix is added to compensate for delay propagation in transmission lines; and
 - 30 - frequencies above the FDD band are not employed for longer lines.

35 3. A hybrid circuit as claimed in claim 2, characterised in that said cyclic prefix is dimensioned for lines of length X metres and OFDD is used for lines shorter than X metres.

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4. A hybrid circuit, as claimed in either claim 2, or 3, characterised in that said balanced hybrid and said filter, together, introduce a delay less than a delay for which said cyclic prefix is dimensioned.

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5. A duplex transmission system, characterised in that said duplex transmission system includes a plurality of hybrid circuits as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4.

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 14 May 1999 (14.05.99)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
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International application No. PCT/SE98/01931	International filing date (day/month/year) 27 October 1998 (27.10.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 03 November 1997 (03.11.97)	
Applicant TELIA AB (publ) et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
EP,JP,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
EE,LT,LV,NO

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 14 May 1999 (14.05.99) under No. WO 99/23763

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant Telia AB (publ) et al		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing

☐ filed with the international application.
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☐ transcribed by this Authority.

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☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:
 Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.
☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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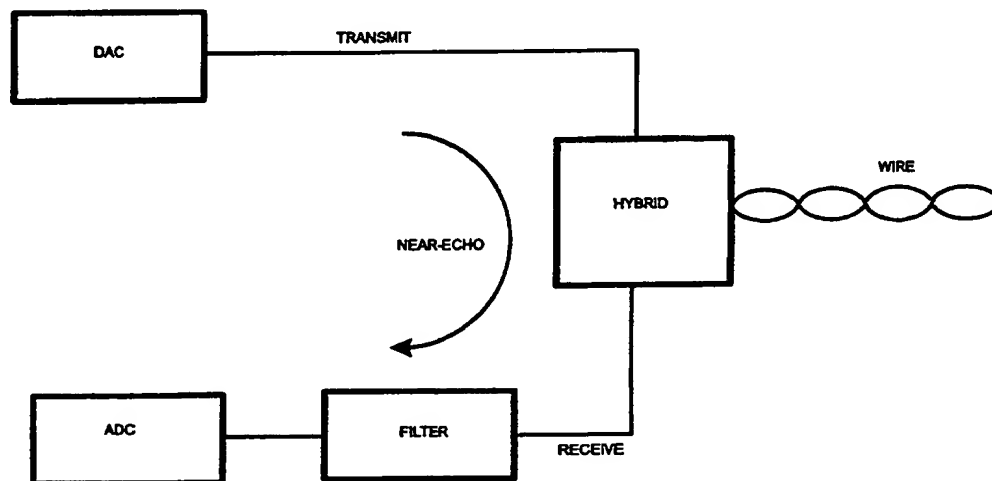
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(54) Title: IMPROVEMENTS IN, OR RELATING TO, NEAR-ECHO SUPPRESSION



(57) Abstract

The present invention is a hybrid circuit which can be used to substantially reduce near echo signals. The circuit includes a balanced 2-wire to 4-wire hybrid for interconnecting a two wire receive path and a two wire transmit path to a two wire transmission line. The two wire receive path connects the balanced hybrid to an A/D convertor and the two wire transmit path connects a D/A convertor to the balanced hybrid. The two wire receive path contains a filter, dimensioned to remove signals transmitted from the D/A convertor. The invention is particularly adapted for use with FDD and OFDD.

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CLAIMS

1. A hybrid circuit having a balanced 2-wire to 4-wire hybrid for interconnecting a two wire receive path and a two wire transmit path to a two wire transmission line, said two wire receive path connecting the balanced hybrid to an A/D convertor and said two wire transmit path connecting a D/A convertor to said balanced hybrid, characterised in that said two wire receive path contains a filter.

2. A hybrid circuit, as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that said hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a transmission system employing FDD, and in that said filter is dimensioned to reject transmit signals originating from said D/A convertor.

3. A hybrid circuit, as claimed in either claim 1, or claim 2, characterised in that said hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a transmission system employing OFDD, and in that said filter is dimensioned to reject transmit sub-carriers originating from said D/A convertor.

4. A hybrid circuit as claimed in any previous claim, characterised in that said hybrid circuit is adapted to operate with a duplex system having the following characteristics:

- all transmitters in ONUs and NTs in said duplex system are time synchronised;
- timing advance is calculated from line lengths;
- different sub-carriers are employed for up-stream and down-stream transmissions;
- a cyclic prefix is added to compensate for delay propagation in transmission lines; and
- frequencies above the FDD band are not employed for longer lines.

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5. A hybrid circuit as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that said cyclic prefix is dimensioned for lines of length X metres and OFDD is used for lines shorter than X metres.

6. A hybrid circuit, as claimed in either claim 4, or 5, characterised in that said balanced hybrid and said filter, together, introduce a delay less than a delay for which said cyclic prefix is dimensioned.

7. A duplex transmission system, characterised in that said duplex transmission system includes a plurality of hybrid circuits as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6.